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## **Regional Public Health Coordinator Attends Federal Deployment Training**

Federal Deployment Cadre Information:  
<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/MRCDeployment/FAQ>

Greater Sullivan County: Greater Sullivan County Public Health Regional Coordinator Jessica McAuliff was recently selected to attend a Federal Deployment Cadre (FDC) training for the Medical Reserve Corps in Washington, D.C. McAuliff is one of 30 individuals from across the United States who attended the specialized training March 28 through April 1<sup>st</sup>. McAuliff's attendance at the FDC training event is significant because it will allow her to deploy to help in other areas of the country or abroad, in the event of a disaster which affects the public's health. The response to Hurricane Katrina and the disasters in Haiti and most recently Japan are examples of incidents in which the Federal Deployment Cadre may be called upon to assist. The Greater Sullivan County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit now has two trained members who have completed this special training. Last summer, MRC member Caroline Newkirk, RN also completed the FDC training.

The MRC is a group of Federally recognized volunteers working to strengthen public health, emergency response and stimulate community resiliency. Their vision is to enhance medical and emergency response. The Federal Deployment Cadre (FDC) is under the Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (OCVMRC), a part of the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General and the Federal Department of Health and Human Services. Through the FDC program, willing, able, and approved MRC volunteers can be deployed outside their local area as part of the federal response to public health and medical emergencies. The goal is to ensure that MRC members who deploy are seamlessly integrated as part of the federal response for public health and medical emergencies.

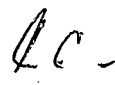
During the training this past week, McAuliff had the opportunity to learn from some of the most notable experts in the field of emergency preparedness and disaster response. Dr. Mark Keim of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lectured the FDC trainees on the particular factors that cause a community to be vulnerable to floods, hurricanes, tsunamis and other disasters including radiological emergencies. Dr. Keim stated that inefficient building plans such as building a new hospital in a flood zone, can cause a community to be more vulnerable to loss of infrastructure and more hardship in a natural disaster. The goal, stated Dr. Keim, is to make the community members more resilient by eliminating the possibility of the hazard occurring. For example, providing a strong vaccination campaign can avoid the disaster of an infectious disease outbreak.

During the training, McAuliff and trainees met and had their photo with the Deputy U.S. Surgeon General Rear Admiral Boris D. Lushniak, MD, MPH. Shown, McAuliff receives a certificate of FDC course completion from Captain Patrick Denis, OCVMRC Senior Officer.

For more information about the Medical Reserve Corps, or to join this growing organization, please contact McAuliff at (603) 398-2222 or via email at [mrc@sullivancountynh.gov](mailto:mrc@sullivancountynh.gov). The MRC can be found on the web at [www.sullivancountynh.gov/mrc](http://www.sullivancountynh.gov/mrc) and on twitter at [www.twitter.com/GSCMRC](http://www.twitter.com/GSCMRC).

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